THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) No Sir. The selection of these posts have been made by Union Public Service Commission as per the Recruitment Rules through circulation and advertisement in the Employment News. No question arises of dilution of the criteria for these posts to favour any person.

(b) and (c) Selection has been made by Union Public Service Commission by holding interviews of all eligible candidates.

(d) It is not mandatory that the post of Director (E&M) would be filled up by IES and ISS Officers. In response to the circulation of post, not a single IES/ISS officer applied for the post through proper channel. In this case also, selection has been made by Union Public Service Commission by holding personal interviews of eligible candidates.

Killings by UPDS in Karbi Anglong District of Assam

5540. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the assessments of Government as regards to the recent killings in Karbi Anglong district of Assam by United Peoples Democratic Solidarity (UPDS) combined forces of KNV and KPF;

(b) what steps have been taken by Government to keep away NSCN (IM) from supporting UPDS as per ceasefire agreement with NSCN (IM); and

(c) whether Government are considering to raise Karbi Anglong and North Cachar hills districts into an autonomous State within the State of Assam as per provisions of Article 244(A) of the Indian Constitution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) The assessment of the Government is that United Peoples Democratic Solidarity (UPDS) has carried out recent killings in Karbi Anglong district of Assam to terrorize Non-Karbi population.

(b) As per the Agreement with NSCN (IM), they have assured not to support any other militant group in the North East.

(c) No, Sir.

Mechanism for deciding the Salaries of MPs

5541. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Home Affairs is the custodian in the Ministers Act and Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs for the Salary, Allowances and Pension of Members of Parliament;

(b) whether it is also a fact that more or less the entitlement in both the Acts are at par and during the passage of Member's Salaries and Allowances Amendment Bill, 1999, a view was expressed in both the houses to evolve a mechanism for deciding the salaries etc. of MPs without their direct involvement; and

(c) whether as an interim measure, Government would entrust the members Act also to the Home Ministry which is always headed by a Senior Cabinet Minister?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) As per the Government of India (Allocation of Business) Rules, 1961, the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs is concerned with the Salary, Allowances and Pension of Member of Parliament Act, 1954, while the subject, salaries and allowances of Ministers, is allocated to the Ministry of Home Affairs. Details of salaries and allowances to which the Members of Parliament and Ministers are entitled are available in the relevant Acts and Rules.

At the time of consideration and passing of the Salary, Allowances and Pension of Members of Parliament (Amendment) Bill, 1999 in Parliament, some Members had expressed views favouring evolution of a mechanism for deciding the salaries and allowances of Members of Parliament without their direct involvement.

(c) There is no such proposal under consideration in this Ministry.

Implementation of Recommendations of Committee on Official Language

†5542.SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had accepted the recommendations of Committee on Official Language to the effect that judicial organisations and administrative tribunals, etc. functioning under Central Government should also work according to Official Language Act and rules framed thereunder; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.